Strategy and Action Plan for the Food Processing Sector has been formulated for growth of Food Processing Sector in the country.

The Ministry has submitted Scheme for Infrastructure Development during the 1lth Plan, under which, it will give financial assistance for setting up of Mega Food Parks, integrated cold chain infrastructure/value addition and preservation infrastructures. The Mega Food Park Scheme will provide backward and forward linkages as well as reliable and sustainable supply chain. Emphasis will be on creating infrastructure in rural areas to support such linkages ensuring better employment opportunities and income to farmers. Other thrust areas indentified for strategic intervention are establishment of Strategic Distribution Centres, modernization of abattoirs, upgradation of hygienic and quality street food and food streets, establishment and upgradation of quality control laboratories etc.

Action plan for enhancing capacity of cold storages

† 1325. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared or propose to prepare any action plan, to enhance the capacity of existing cold storages in the country, in order to increase the sources of income in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated during the current financial year for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (c) Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has submitted a proposal to Planning Commission on a comprehensive Cold Chain Infrastructure Scheme for 1lth Plan for providing financial assistance to various stakeholders for revamping integrated cold chain infrastructure at different levels-farm level primary processing centre-cum-cold chain, collection/aggregation centers and Strategic Distribution Centres. The initiatives undertaken by the Ministry are aimed at filling the gaps in the supply chain, strengthening of cold chain infrastructure leading to overall development of food processing industries and reduction in wastages. The Budget allocated by the Ministry (Budget Estimate) for Infrastructure development including Cold Storages during 2007-08 is Rs. 100.00 crore.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) had been providing financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid upto 25% of the cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works in general areas and 33.33% in difficult areas with a common ceiling of Rs. 75 lakhs under the Cold Chain component of 10th Plan Scheme. The assistance under the scheme was limited to cold storages for non-horticulture produces, special type of cold storages with controlled/modified atmosphere technology, cold storages as integral part of processing units or as a common facility in food parks.

Food processing industries

1326. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI N. R GOVINDARAJAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of food processing industries in the country during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government has sanctioned some new projects during the current financial year;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of project applications received/sanctioned/rejected and pending during the last three years, State-wise; and

(e) the financial assistance released for these projects to the States under Government's Plan Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to implementing agencies/entrepreneurs for Technology Upgradation/Modernization/Establishment of Food Processing Units. Food Processing Industries are both in organised and unorganised sectors and as such data on food processing units in the country is not centrally maintained. However, details regarding applications received in the Ministry, State-wise, claiming grant for Setting up/Expansion/ Modernisation of Food Processing Industries in the last three years, namely, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 are given in the Statement *(See* below).

(b) and (c) The Government has approved release of grant of Rs. 61.98 crores during 2007-08 (upto 26.11.2007) for various project for Setting up/Modernization/Technology Upgradation of Food Processing Industries.

(d) A Statement indicating number of project applications received/approved/pending/ rejected during the last three years, State-wise is given in the same Statement.

(e) The financial assistance released for these projects in respect of the various States and the above Plan Schemes during the last three years namely, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 is as follows:—

Year	Amount (Rupees crores)
2004-05	51.14
2005-06	69.81
200607	82.19

Statement

Details of Project applications received/approved/pending/rejected during the last three years (2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07) State-wise

SI.	State/UT	Received	Approved	Pending	Rejected
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Jammu & Kashmir	39	13	22	1 0
2.	Himachal Pradesh	50	23	18	5
3.	Punjab	74	68	21	

1	2	3	4	5	6
4.	Chandigarh	3	1	1	1
5.	Uttarakhand	61	30	30	1
6.	Haryana	87	49	23	6
7.	Delhi	80	48	17	5
8.	Rajasthan	123	48	52	19
9.	Uttar Pradesh	174	124	58	16
10.	Bihar	37	10	15	3
11.	Sikkim	3	2	1	0
12.	Arunachal Pradesh	6	1	6	0
13.	Nagaland	32	3	21	3
14.	Manipur	14	4	7	1
15.	Mizoram	6	0	3	1
16.	Tripura	3	2	0	0
17.	Meghalaya	6	4	1	0
18.	Assam	63	32	28	4
19.	West Bengal	150	89	50	10
20.	Jharkhand	34	16	14	2
21.	Orissa	61	32	13	8
22.	Chhattisgarh	23	13	8	0
23.	Madhya Pradesh	102	50	46	8
24.	Gujarat	116	46	50	7
25.	Daman & Diu	1	0	1	0
26.	Maharashtra	390	204	163	22
27.	Andhra Pradesh	239	104	102	25
28.	Karnataka	163	76	75	9
29.	Goa	10	5	5	2
30.	Lakshadweep	1	0	1	0
31.	Kerala	104	69	32	2
32.	Tamil Nadu	228	127	79	24
33.	Pondicherry	1	5	0	0
34.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	3	0	0	3
	ALL INDIA	2487	1298	963	188